

MOOSE VEHICLE CRASH FACTS IN MAINE 1996-1998

	MOOSE	OTHER ANIMALS
NUMBER OF CRASHES	2,126	12,810
NUMBER OF CRASHES WITH ANIMAL INJURIES OR FATALITIES	494	478
NUMBER OF HUMAN FATALITIES	8	0
NUMBER OF HUMAN INJURIES	637	553
ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$50,189,000	\$47,073,000
ESTIMATED IMPACT PER CRASH	\$23,600	\$3,675

NOTE:

MAINE'S VEHICLE CRASH RATES FOR ALL ANIMAL TYPES, INCLUDING MOOSE, HAVE STEADILY INCREASED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, MORE THAN DOUBLING DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. THE NUMBERS ABOVE SHOW THE SERIOUSNESS OF STRIKING A MOOSE, WITH:

- * A FAR HIGHER AVERAGE ECONOMIC IMPACT
- * A ONE IN FOUR CHANCE THAT IN A CRASH THERE WILL BE RESULTING INJURY
- * A POSSIBILITY OF VEHICLE OCCUPANT FATALITY

SOME DRIVING TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOU FROM BEING A STATISTIC:

- * MOOSE CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE IN THE STATE, SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT.
- * BE ESPECIALLY WARY DURING DUSK AND EARLY NIGHTTIME HOURS WHEN MOOSE TEND TO MOVE MOST.
- * WITH THEIR DARK BROWN COLOR, MOOSE ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO SEE AT NIGHT. REDUCE SPEED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS TO PROVIDE AN EXTRA SAFETY CUSHION, ALLOWING YOU TO STOP IN A SHORTER DISTANCE.
- * MAKE SURE YOU CAN SEE AN ADEQUATE DISTANCE AHEAD TO ALLOW YOU TO REACT TO SURPRISES ON THE ROAD.

CRASHES INVOLVING MOOSE



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